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from Liverpool, and 3 passengers from Santo Domingo. Their baggage, 4 pieces, was disinfected. Four bills of health were issued during the week.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

*Summary of transactions of Service during the month of September, 1901.*

PONCE, P. R., October 1, 1901.

Total number of vessels inspected during September, 1901.....	13
Total number of vessels inspected during September, 1900 .....	15
Total number of bills of health issued during September, 1901 .....	14
Total number of bills of health issued during September, 1900 .....	17
Number of passengers inspected during September, 1901 (incoming).....	137
Number of passengers inspected during September, 1901 (in transit) .....	274
Number of crew inspected during September, 1901.....	514
Number of immigrants inspected during September, 1901.....	14
Rejections.....	0
Number of vessels in quarantine during September, 1901.....	2
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during September, 1901.....	45
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during September, 1901.....	142
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during September, 1901.....	3

*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended September 21, 1901.*

PONCE, P. R., September 23, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended September 21, 1901. September 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince and Santo Domingo, with 12-immigrants. September 18, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana and Santo Domingo, with 1 immigrant. September 20, German steamship *Syria*, from Hamburg and St. Thomas, with 1 immigrant. Total, 14.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Report of immigrants inspected at the subports of Porto Rico during the month of September, 1901.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 15 (at Mayaguez); number passed, 15 (at Mayaguez).

H. S. MATHEWSON,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended October 5, 1901.*

PONCE, P. R., October 7, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 5, 1901. October 1, Spanish steam-

ship *Catalina*, from Genoa, Marseilles, Barcelona, La Palma, Valencia, Torrevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Canaries, with 1 immigrant. October 5, French steamship *St. Domingo*, from Fort de France and St. Thomas, with 1 immigrant. Total, 2.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### TURKEY.

##### *Plague at Samsoun.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a telegram of the 11th instant has been received from the consul at Sivas which reads as follows, viz:

"Plague reported Samsoun, Turkey."

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

#### *Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

CANADA—*British Columbia—Victoria.*—Month of September, 1901. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 11, including 2 from diphtheria.

*Province of Ontario.*—Reports to the provincial board of Health for the month of August, 1901, from 714 municipalities having an aggregate estimated population of 2,000,946, show a total of 1,928 deaths, including diphtheria, 16; enteric fever, 30; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 8; whooping cough, 12, and 171 from tuberculosis.

DUTCH GUIANA—*Paramaribo.*—Month of August, 1901. Estimated population, 31,427. Total number of deaths, 92. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended September 28, 1901, correspond to an annual rate of 16.7 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,026. The highest rate was recorded in Sunderland, viz, 27.3, and the lowest in Leicester, viz, 9.6.

*London.*—One thousand three hundred and four deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 13; scarlet fever, 13; diphtheria, 34; whooping cough, 13; enteric fever, 19; smallpox, 5, and diarrhea and dysentery, 87. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 15.0 per 1,000. In Greater London 1,759 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 13.9 per 1,000 of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 19 from diphtheria, 6 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever, 1 from smallpox, and 6 from whooping cough.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths